

6-23-04

IFW



SLON 8480
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Sloan, et al.

Art Unit Not yet assigned

Serial No. 10/822,931

Filed April 13, 2004

Confirmation No. Not yet assigned

For APPARATUS FOR INSTALLING AND REMOVING TEAT CUP LINERS

June 22, 2004

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

* In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicants submit the attached PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and to be made of record therein. In accordance with the OG notice of August 5, 2003 partially waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent documents are not supplied. Applicants submit herewith copies of the literature references.

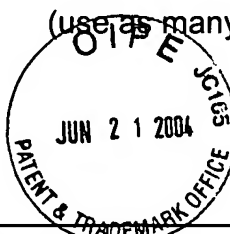
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt F. James".

Kurt F. James, Reg. No. 33,716
SENNIGER, POWERS, LEAVITT & ROEDEL
One Metropolitan Square, 16th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 231-5400

KFJ/dss

Express Mail Label No. EV 432652446 US
Mail Stop Amendment

PTO/SB/08A			Complete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary) <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>			Application Number	10/822,931	
			Filing Date	April 13, 2004	
			Confirmation Number	Not yet assigned	
			First Named Inventor	Sloan, et al.	
			Group Art Unit	Not yet assigned	
			Examiner Name	Not yet assigned	
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket No.	SLON 8480

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
	1	3,967,587		Noorlander	07/06/1976
	2	3,973,521		Duncan	08/10/1976
	3	4,269,143		Erbach	05/26/1981
	4	4,459,939		Noorlander	07/17/1984
	5	5,007,378		Larson	04/16/1991
	6	6,058,879		Miefalk	05/09/2000
	7	6,308,656	B1	Milbrath et al.	10/30/2001
	8	6,427,624	B1	Briggs et al.	08/06/2002
OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			T ³
	9	G.M. JONES. The Role of Milking Equipment in Mastitis, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Dairy, 8 pp., Publication 404-742, Reprinted 1999, Virginia			
	10	MICHEL A. WATTIAUX, Principles of Milking, Babcock Institute, pp. 81-84, Wisconsin. Admitted prior art.			
	11	Milking Management Services 2001, Tech Notes, 6 pp., printed from http://www.milkingmanagement.co.uk/machinetesting/tecnotes.htm 8/4/2002.			

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached or place an "A" here if English language abstract is attached.

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO/SB/08A INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/822,931
				Filing Date	April 13, 2004
				Confirmation Number	Not yet assigned
				First Named Inventor	Sloan, et al.
				Group Art Unit	Not yet assigned
				Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket No.	SLON 8480

	12	Proper Use and Care of Inflatons, Producing Quality Milk, pp. 96-97. Admitted prior art.	
--	----	--	--

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached or place an "A" here if English language abstract is attached..

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.